

Hale-Byrnes House
(Boyce House), NEAR CHRISTIANA
(White Clay Creek)
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HALE-BYRNES HOUSE
(BOYCE HOUSE)
(White Clay Creek) near Christiana,
New Castle County, Delaware.

Owner: Mrs. Edith Boyce

Date of Erection: Before 1775

Present Condition: Fair

Number of Stories: Two with basement kitchen
opening to grade level at rear.

Materials of Construction: Brick with stone foundations.
Wood interior.

Other Existing Records: Historic Markers' Commission;
State Archives Dept., Dover, Delaware.

Additional Data: Historically important as meeting
place of Officers of American Army, Sept. 6, 1777. Good
example of brickwork of the colonial period. Note the
moulded brick water table on front facade, belt course at
second floor line, stopping about a foot from the end, also
the broad chimneys. The porch is a later addition.
Traditionally known as "The Bread and Cheese Island House"
by reason of its nearness to the tiny island of this name
which is at the junction of White Clay and Red Clay Creeks,
approximately a hundred feet to the rear of the house.


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